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SUBJECT: SOVIET STATEMENT ON MEETING OF LAENDER INTERIOR
MINISTERS

1. ACTING SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELLOR BURDAKIN CALLED ON
CHAIRMAN (FRENCH) POLAD SEPTEMBER 13 TO DELIVER FOLLOWING
STATEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 13-14 MEETING OF LAENDER INTERIOR
MINISTERS IN BERLIN:

2. BEGIN TEXT: IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOLDING OF THE
MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE
LAENDER OF THE FRG IN WEST BERLIN ON SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14,
1974, THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR IN THE GDR CONSIDERS IT
NECESSARY TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

THE HOLDING IN WEST BERLIN OF THE MEETING OF MINISTERS
OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITH THE ANNOUNCED AGENDA IS NOT IN
ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREE-
MENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971.

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THE SOVIET SIDE INVITES THE ATTENTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS IN WEST BERLIN TO THE FACT THAT THE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MINISTERS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN WEST BERLIN DIRECTLY AFFECT THE STATUS AND SECURITY OF THE CITY. IN ADDITION, THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE QUESTIONS HAS NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP TO THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF TIES BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

THIS ACTION REPRESENTS IN ITS ENTIRETY AN ILLEGAL ATTEMPT BY MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FRG TO CARRY OUT OFFICIAL ACTS IN WEST BERLIN AND IN RESPECT TO WEST BERLIN.

THE EMBASSY EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE THREE WESTERN POWERS IN WEST BERLIN WILL TAKE MEASURES AIMED AT PREVENTING FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FROM TAKING PLACE. END TEXT.

3. FRENCH POLAD RESPONDED ALONG LINES NORMALLY USED IN SUCH CASES. WHEN BURDAKIN COMPLAINED, IN PARTICULAR, THAT SATADARDIZATION OF LAENDER POLICE UNIFORMS AND QUESTIONS CONCERNING FRONTIER GUARDS APPEARED ON AGENDA OF MEETING, FRENCH POLAD SAID THAT SOVIETS WOULD DO BETTER TO CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH VIOLATIONS OF DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN THAT OCCURRED FROM TIME TO TIME IN SOVIET SECTOR, AND WITH ATTITUDES OF SO-CALLED BORDER GUARDS AT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE CHECK POINT.

4. WE PROPOSE IN CONJUNCTION WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSIONS TO DRAFT BRIEF REBUTTAL TO SOVIET STATEMENT.SELIGMANN

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